## RHODE ISLAND 9-1-1 SYSTEM INTRODUCES THE ONSTAR PROJECT

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Raymond LaBelle, Executive Director of the Rhode Island E 9-1-1 Uniform Emergency Telephone System Division, today announced Rhode Island E 9-1-1 and OnStar have entered into an agreement that will allow Rhode Island E 9-1-1 and OnStar to provide a simple and expeditious method for Rhode Island residents and visitors who use OnStar to obtain assistance in an emergency.

OnStar is the world's most comprehensive in-vehicle security, communications, and diagnostics system available on more than 50 General Motors models. OnStar is the in-vehicle safety, security, and communications system created to help protect you and your family on the road.

Under the agreement, emergency calls from the motoring public in Rhode Island place to OnStar operators will be routed on a top-priority basis to our statewide 9-1-1 call center for transfer to the appropriate first responders.

This will serve several purposes, including but not limited to, the speed and accuracy of transferring OnStar emergency calls to the appropriate first responders with accurate locations and descriptions. This will also expedite the dispatch of appropriate personnel and apparatus to OnStar subscribers.

If you have any questions, you may direct them to Gregory M. Scungio, Principal Project Manager of the Rhode Island E 9-1-1 Uniform Emergency Telephone System, at (401) 354-0911.